

Clayton B. Southard, 85, WWII veteran ✓

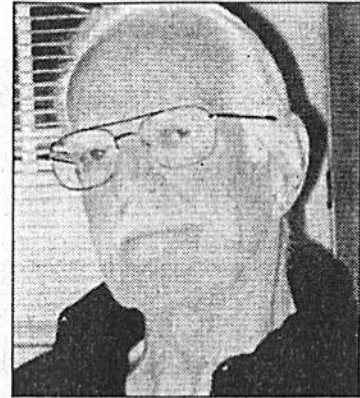
Clayton Bartlett Southard, of Duxbury, died peacefully after a brief illness, Feb. 20 in Jordan Hospital. He was 85.

Born in Dexter, Maine, he was the son of Guy Southard and Ellen Bartlett Southard, the second oldest of 11 children. His family moved to Massachusetts during his childhood. He lived on Martha's Vineyard and later in Hingham, where he graduated from high school. He continued his education in agriculture at Stockbridge and upon completion, enrolled at Williams College where he enjoyed playing football. He left prematurely to join the Navy after Pearl Harbor. He served in both the Navy and the Coast Guard during WWII. He married Evelyn Barbour in 1944 and lived in Rockland. In 1956 he settled in Duxbury with his wife and two children.

Mr. Southard was employed by New England Telephone Company for 40 years and happily spent another 15 years as a real estate agent at DeWolfe Realty until the age of 80.

For many years he was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Rockland. He was past president of and Lt. Governor of Kiwanis. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and a supporter of the Special Olympics. He was a charter member at the Halifax Country Club. His all-time favorite ballplayer was Ted Williams and he enjoyed the 2004 World Series Red Sox Championship event.

Mr. Southard was a devoted husband and father and was loved and admired by all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He leaves his wife, Evelyn Southard of Duxbury; daughters Nancy E. Reed of Duxbury, Gayle E. Carbone of Bradford, Maine; grandchildren, Richard C. Brown III of Plymouth, Matthew Brown of Kingston, Amanda (Cushman) Abelar of Hudson, Christopher Jehlicka of Quincy, Joshua Forcier of Brewer, Maine and Amber Davis of Brewer Maine; great-grandchildren, Nicole, Dylan, Alexander, Grayson, Elijah, and Jesse Brown, Alexis



Cushman, Lucas Avelar and Justin Davis. He also leaves his sisters, Beth Tory of Scituate, Priscilla Fern of N.C., Ellen Gelpke of N.C.; a brother, Guy Southard of Marshfield; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Ocean St., Marshfield on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. Visiting hour from 1-2 p.m. preceding the service. Burial will be private at Mayflower Cemetery in Duxbury. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Massachusetts, 460 Totten Pond Rd, Suite 400, Waltham, MA 02451.